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SUBJ: FY-73 IV RURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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1. GOB ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE 16 SEPTEMBER B.SV. MAKOBOLLE IS PROMOTED FROM UNDER SECRETARY TO PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVT. AND LANDS AND E.T. MATENGGE IS PROMOTED FROM DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TO UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS. BECAUSE OF THESE PROMOTIONS, GOB OFFICE OF PRESIDENT WILL NOT RPT NOT ALLOW MATENGGE AND MAKOBOLLE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. OCTOBER 16 AS PLANNED BECAUSE OF TIME GOB REQUIRES THEY SPEND IN JOB FAMILIARIZATION, IT SEEMS LIKELY THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO USE THEIR GRANTS BEFORE PERIOD APRIL-MAY 1974. EMBASSY AWARE THEY MUST TRAVEL BEFORE 30 JUNE 1974 OR GRANTS ARE LOST.

2. MR. L. M. SERETSE STILL WISHES TRAVEL TO U.S. AS PLANNED WITH ARRIVAL ON 17 OCTOBER. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE SERETSE MAKE TRIP AT THIS TIME AS POSTPONEMENT OF TRIP WOULD INTERFERE WITH OTHER BUSINESS SERETSE HAS IN EARLY 1974.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE PROPOSES TRAVEL MAKOBOLLE AND MATENGGE BE POSTPONED UNTIL GOB GIVES THEM PERMISSION, BUT THAT SERETSE TRAVEL AS PLANNED ON PROGRAM OUTLINED REFTEL B. SERETSE HAS ALSO ASKED THAT HIS ITINERARY PROVIDE EXPOSURE TO POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AT LOCAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL.

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